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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SCHEDULED AIR NEGOTIATIONS; PAN AM PERMIT

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1. EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS SPOKE WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ACKVOSKI APRIL 30 AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL. NOTED THAT THE APPROACH WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE, BUT IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING DUE TO THEIR CONFLICTING SCHEDULES.

2. ANDREWS STATED THAT USG WAS VERY DISTRESSED AND UNHAPPY ABOUT INTRODUCTION OF A THREAT TO PAN AM'S OPERATIONS WHILE FINAL DETAILS OF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WERE IN PROGRESS. IT SEEMED UNACCEPTABLE TO US TO SUDDENLY INTRODUCE A KIND OF ULTIMATUM INTO THE SITUATION AT THIS POINT. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSURING THAT PAN AM'S OPERATING PERMIT IS RENEWED TO ALLOW OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE DURING THE PERIOD NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS. THIS WOULD AVOID INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. WE BELIEVE WE CANNOT CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS IF PAN AM OPERATIONS ARE INTERRUPTED. WE HOPE THE GOY WILL AVOID ARBITRARY

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ACTION IN THIS INSTANCE WHICH WILL IRRITATE PAN AM, THE CAB AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES OF THE USG.

3. ACKVOSKI STATED THAT THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS OUR CONCERN IN THIS ISSUE. HE ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT PAN AM HAS BEEN OPERATING TO BELGRADE FOR 13 YEARS WITHOUT PROBLEMS. JAT HAD INTENDED TO BEGIN OPERATIONS ON APRIL 1 AND IT IS VERY ANXIOUS TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TOURIST SEASON WHICH IS NOW BEGINNING. THE EMBASSY WOULD TRY ITS BEST TO FIND A SOLUTION, BUT OTHER AUTHORITIES ARE INVOLVED.

4. ANDREWS REITERATED THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE THREAT AGAINST PAN AM AFTER WE HAD BELIEVED AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. HE NOTED THAT ON APRIL 28 AFTER WE BELIEVED FINAL UNRESOLVED POINT HAD BEEN SETTLED, YUGOSLAV SIDE RE-OPENED QUESTION OF DINAR SALES FOR FLIGHTS VIA LONDON AND JAT SALES IN U.S.

5. ACKOVSKI STATED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN A REFERENDUM AND THAT GOY AUTHORITIES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT AGREE TO POINTS EMBASSY HAD BELIEVED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. OTHER AUTHORITIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE MATTER AND THEIR REACTION TO THE SITUATION WOULD BE VERY NEGATIVE.

6. ANDREWS ASSERTED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE TO GO IN THE DIRECTION OF NOT ALLOWING PAN AM TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS WHILE ISSUES WERE BEING RESOLVED. HE CAUTIONED ACKOVSKI TO BE AWARE THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD NOT BE FINAL STEP BEFORE JAT FLIGHTS COULD BEGIN. POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE THAT JAT'S OPERATING PERMIT BE AMENDED BY CAB TO PERMIT SCHEDULED SERVICES.

7. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS CONVERSATION DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED BY PAN AM THAT OPERATING PERMIT HAD BEEN EXTENDED FOR TEN DAYS. SISCO

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